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NECESSITY FOR PROVIDING "ARSENIJ" WITH A LEICA CAMERA.

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

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Your number 29[C:67][i]. Your objection to providing ARSENIJ[i] with a Leica is at variance with your instructions in letter No. 1 where it is proposed to supply him with one immediately. [6 groups unrecovered] cameras, an article which is in general permissible. Once more we emphasise that ARSENIJ suffers from severe eye-strain and he cannot copy materials. The search for some of A.'s[iii] probationers [STAZHERY] [for][a] EMULSION [EMUL'SIYa] even if it succeeds [2 groups unrecoverable][b] time, we are working up this question [and][c] will advise further. Wire consent by priority telegram.

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MAY [MAJ][iv]

[T.N. and Comments overleaf]

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T.N.: [a] Inserted by the translator. Alternatively the first group may be garbled and the sentence in the original may have read something like: "To subordinate [or, to transfer] some of A.'s probationers to EMULSION, etc".

[b] There are some indications that these two groups said "will take".

[c] Inserted by the translator.

Comments: [i] Not available.

[ii] ARSENIJ: Andrej Ivanovich SHEVCHENKO.

[iii] A.: i.e. ARSENIJ.

[iv] MAJ: Pavel Ivanovich FEDOSIMOV.
